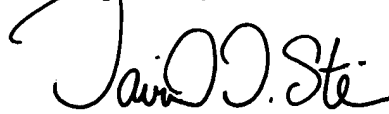


**REMARKS**

This preliminary amendment is filed to eliminate multiple dependencies, to put the claims in better condition for allowance, and to present additional claims that better define applicant's invention. Early examination and allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is also authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Amended Claims

*Please substitute pending claims 5-7 with the corresponding amended claims as follows:*

5. The milking plant as recited in claim ~~3 or 4~~, wherein said cleaning fluid return pump has an output connected to a non-return valve, preventing fluid flow back into said cleaning fluid return pump.

6. The milking plant as recited in claim ~~any of the claims 3—5~~, wherein the cleaning fluid return pump is a centrifugal pump comprising an impeller, connected to the air separator with the ~~centre~~ center of said impeller located immediately against said output of the air separator.

7. The milking plant as recited in ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 6, wherein said milk storage means comprises a milk cooling tank.